

The ACC Lost Squadron



Injuries to Date

350

Deaths to Date

28

Official List of American Military killed in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, As of May 27, 2003

ACC Deaths as of June 2, 2003

161 Dead

102 In Combat

59 due to mishaps

26 in vehicle accidents

21 in helicopter crashes

8 accidental weapons discharges

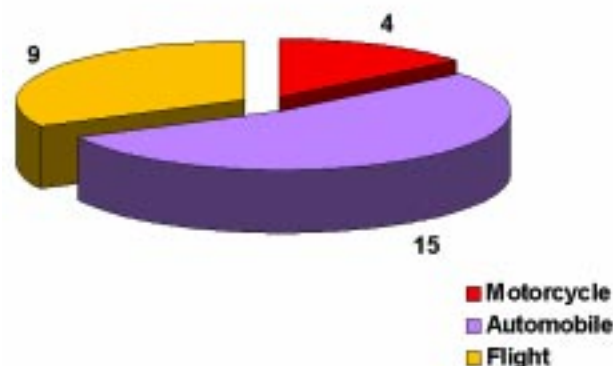
2 unexploded ordnance

1 from fire

1 from drowning

1 in 3 dead from mishaps

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A Few of the Mishaps

April 11, 2003: An active duty airman was fatally injured while riding as a passenger in a four-wheel private motor vehicle, operated by a non-AF civilian who was involved in a **head-on collision with a 40 passenger bus**.

April 27, 2003: A MSgt and a non-AF civilian female passenger were traveling northbound on U.S. Highway 65 approximately 1 mile north of Preston, Missouri, when their **motorcycle was struck head-on** by an automobile that crossed the centerline/median. The 42-year-old MSgt and his passenger were both pronounced dead at the scene due to injuries. Personal protective equipment was worn.

May 23, 2003: Three active duty AF members and two non-AF civilians were traveling southbound on U.S. Highway 99, 30 miles south of Fresno, California, in a 2001 Explorer. The active duty AF driver was changing lanes and swerved to avoid another vehicle. The vehicle crossed the median and overturned, slid into northbound traffic, and was struck by an oncoming vehicle. Non-AF civilian passenger was thrown from the vehicle and fatally injured. All active duty AF members attended the mandatory Wing Commander Safety Briefing on May 23, 2003. The group was going to Las Vegas, **taking turns driving all night**. The driver was not the

owner of the vehicle and had never driven it prior to the mishap. The driver and front seat passenger were **not wearing seat belts**. The rear seat passengers wore seat belts.

May 23, 2003: A SSgt was traveling westbound on I-10 just outside New Orleans, Louisiana, when another vehicle traveling eastbound **crossed the grass median and struck his vehicle on the driver's side** resulting in fatal injuries. The member attended an AETC-directed 4-hour safety briefing on May 22, 2003, and departed Keesler en route to Davis Monthan AFB on May 23rd. He was wearing his seat belt at the time of the mishap and alcohol is not suspected.

June 1, 2003: A 21-year-old, male, SrA, was killed in a single-vehicle motorcycle mishap approximately 20 miles south of Dyess AFB, Texas. The member was driving a new 2003 Honda 600 motorcycle, purchased after his return on Wednesday from a deployment to Guam. The individual did attend the commander-directed post-deployment safety briefing on Thursday, at which motorcycle safety was discussed. The airman's first level supervisor spoke to him the day prior about safe operation of the motorcycle. **Speed was a factor with an excess of 100 miles per hour in a 70 mile per hour zone**. Protective equipment was worn.

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